WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method for separating metal and/inorganic particles from
- 2 a metal-inorganic particle composite material generated because
- 3 of dispersion of inorganic particles/in base metal, comprising the
- 4 steps of:

heating said metal-inorganic particle composite material

into a melt;

throwing flux into said melt and bringing said flux into contact with said melt sufficiently;

- 9 leaving said melt at rest to separate said melt into an upper
- 10 layer containing said inorganic particles and a lower layer
- 11 Composed of said metal; and
- 12 recovering said upper layer and said lower layer
- 13 individually.
 - 1 2. A method for separating metal and inorganic particles from
 - 2 a metal-inorganic particle composite material according to Claim
 - 3 1, wherein said flux is in a range of from 0.2 parts to 2.0 parts
 - 4 by weight per 100 parts by weight of said metal-inorganic particle
 - 5 composite material.

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